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SUBJECT: PROGRAMMING OF SPTF

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 1330 (B) STATE 040834

1. REF (A) DIRECTED ITSELF TO THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE LOCAL IDB REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS FOR SPTF FUNDING. IT DID NOT DIRECTLY ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEW INSTITUTIONAL OR PROGRAMMING APPROACHES MIGHT BE ADOPTED, BEYOND SAYING THAT NEW INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM WOULD NOT OVERCOME THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE PLANNING MINISTRY.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING REFTTEL (A), WE HAVE BECOME AWARE OF SOME GRASS ROOTS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING WHICH AVOIDS THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING ENTIRELY. THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES, WORKING WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AUTHORIZED AND FUNDED A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF VISITS OF TEACHERS TO THE UNITED STATES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF OBSERVING AND IMPROVING ARGENTINE EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES. THIS IS THE TYPE OF SPONTANEOUS EFFORT TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES WHICH WE BELIEVE MERITS SUPPORT BECAUSE IT IS PROBABLY POTENTIALLY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN STUDIES EMANATING  
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FROM THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IT DEMONSTRATES THAT A SINCERE DESIRE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATIONAL PLANNING EXISTS AT THE LOWER LEVELS OF THE SYSTEM.

3. IF THIS KIND OF INITIATIVE WERE TO BE SUPPORTED, THERE ALREADY EXISTS IN ARGENTINA A BINATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH IS EXCELLENTLY EQUIPPED TO PLAN

PROJECTS FOR RURAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THIS IS THE BINATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION (FULBRIGHT COMMISSION), WHICH IN THE PAST HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN EXECUTING THIS TYPE OF PROGRAMMING ACTIVITY, BUT HAS CEASED BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE FUNDING. THE COMMISSION IS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM US AND ARGENTINE OFFICIAL SOURCES, AS WELL AS OTHER DONORS, SO IT COULD BE AN APPROPRIATE FUNDING CHANNEL. FURTHERMORE, ITS BINATIONAL AND ACADEMIC ORIENTATION REMOVES IT FROM THE BUREAUCRATIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURES WHICH FREQUENTLY OPERATE WITHIN THE GOA.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE USE OF BINATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMISSIONS IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE THEY EXIST, AS VEHICLES FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO BE FINANCED WITH SPTF BALANCES.  
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